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HLABA 8th Annual Conference

Kathryn M. Peterson, Vice President

HLABA's 8th annual conference is quickly approaching! The 8th annual conference will be held on Thursday, March 6th and Friday, March 7th at the DoubleTree Hotel, located at 1616 Dodge Street, in downtown Omaha, Nebraska. We are excited to once again host the conference at this wonderful venue, which is located in the heart of downtown Omaha, just minutes from the Old Market, Pedestrian Bridge, Henry Doorly Zoo, shopping, restaurants, and many other attractions!

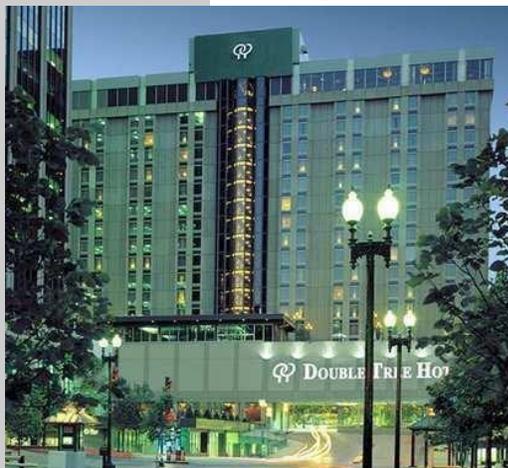


We also have an exciting line-up of speakers for this year's conference! We are thrilled to announce that Drs. Dorothea Lerman and Wayne Fisher will conduct Thursday's workshops. Friday's presenters include Drs. Dorothea Lerman, Wayne Fisher, Edward Morris, and Carol Sella. Stay tuned for a finalized schedule for the conference and the announcement of our fifth speaker! HLABA also will select submitted presentations for a symposium to be held on Friday afternoon and will host a poster presentation and competition on Thursday evening (March 6th). Please refer to pages 9-11 for the official Call for Papers Announcement.

Please be sure to submit your completed registration form (p. 7) and payment to the address provided on the form. At this year's conference, HLABA members will have the opportunity to vote for open positions on the HLABA Executive Board. Please submit your nominations for the board to heartlandaba@gmail.com by February 7, 2014. Refer to p. 6 for detailed information regarding open board positions and the nomination process.

Nominations for the HLABA Award of Excellence also will be accepted until February 7, 2014. Please submit nominations to heartlandaba@gmail.com.

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8th Annual Conference to be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Downtown Omaha, NE



8th Annual Conference Invited Presenters



Dorothea C. Lerman, Ph.D., is currently a Professor of Psychology at the University of Houston - Clear Lake, where she coordinates a master's program in behavior analysis and serves as Director of the UHCL Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. She received her doctoral degree in Psychology from the University of Florida in 1995, specializing in the experimental analysis of behavior. Her areas of expertise include autism, developmental disabilities, early intervention, functional analysis, teacher and parent training, and treatment of severe behavior disorders (e.g., aggression, self-injury). Dr. Lerman's graduate students serve as behavioral consultants for school districts in the Houston area and provide services to children and families through an on-campus clinic. Dr. Lerman has published more than 60 research articles and chapters, served as Associate Editor for *The Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* and *Research in Developmental Disabilities*, was the founding Editor of *Behavior Analysis in Practice*, and recently completed a term as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*. She has secured more than \$1.5 million in grants and contracts to support her work. She was the recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Contribution to Applied Behavioral Research Award and the 2001 B.F. Skinner Award for New Researchers, awarded by Division 25 of the American Psychological Association. She also was named a Fellow of the Association for Behavior Analysis-International in 2008. Dr. Lerman is a Licensed Psychologist and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. For **Thursday's workshop**, Dr. Lerman will present: "Disseminating ABA into Public Schools: An Intensive Teacher Training Approach." For **Friday's presentation**, Dr. Lerman will present: "Teaching Adults with Asperger's Syndrome to Implement Behavior Interventions for Children with Autism."

Refer to p. 7 for the membership and conference registration form. You may print and complete this form and send it to the following address with the appropriate payment:

HLABA

P.O. Box 31631

Omaha, NE 68131-0631

Please make checks payable to "HLABA"



8th Annual Conference Invited Presenters

Wayne W. Fisher, Ph.D. is the H.B. Munroe Professor of Behavioral Research in the Munroe-Meyer Institute and the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He is also the Director of the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders at the Munroe-Meyer Institute, a board certified behavior analyst at the doctoral level (BCBA-D), and a licensed psychologist. He was previously a Professor of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and served as Executive Director of the Neurobehavioral Programs at the Kennedy Krieger Institute (Baltimore) and the Marcus Behavior Center at the Marcus Institute (Atlanta), where he built clinical-research programs in autism and developmental disabilities with national reputations for excellence. Dr. Fisher's methodologically sophisticated research has focused on several intersecting lines, including preference, choice, and the assessment and treatment of autism and severe behavior disorders, that have been notable for the creative use of concurrent schedules of reinforcement, which have become more commonplace in clinical research primarily as a result of his influence. He has published over 135 peer-reviewed research studies in 28 different behavioral and/or medical journals, including: (a) the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, (b) *Psychological Reports*, (c) *American Journal on Mental Retardation*, (d) *Pediatrics*, (e) the *Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics*, and (f) *The Lancet*. Dr. Fisher is a past president of the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior, a former chairperson of the Childhood Psychopathology and Developmental Disabilities Study Section for the National Institutes of Health, a past Editor of the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, a Fellow in the Association for Behavior Analysis, and recipient of the Bush Leadership Fellowship Award, the APA (Division 25) Award for Distinguished Contributions to Applied Behavioral Research, and the Distinguished Scientist Award from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. For **Thursday's workshop**, Dr. Fisher will present: "Enhancing the Effectiveness and Generality of Functional Analysis and Functional Communication Training." For **Friday's presentation**, Dr. Fisher will present: "Functional Assessment and Treatment of Two Types of Elopement: Goal-Directed Bolting and Aimless Wandering."



Carol Sella, Ph.D. received her doctoral degree in Special Education from the Universidade Federal de Sao Carlos after an internship at the University of Kansas. Her areas of expertise include instructional design, verbal behavior, and generativity. Dr. Sella has published in Psychology and Special Education journals and has served as an ad-hoc reviewer for Brazilian behavioral and psychology journals. She is currently a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Munroe-Meyer Institute where she is involved in the design and evaluation of training modules for parents of children with developmental disabilities. She is also involved in the design and development of procedures to teach complex verbal behaviors to different target populations, including Latino and Brazilian children with developmental, hearing, and learning disabilities. On Friday, Dr. Sella will present: "MimioSprout Early Reading® and Story Champs®: Behavior-Analytic Principles for Improving Early Literacy."

Edward K. Morris (University of Illinois, M.A 1974, Ph.D. 1976) is a faculty member in the Department of Applied Behavioral Science (ABS), formerly the Department of Human Development and Family Life, at the University of Kansas. He has been its chairperson since 2000. In the profession, he has been editor of the *The Behavior Analyst*, *The Interbehaviorist*, and *The APA Division 25 Recorder*. In governance, he has been president of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI), Division 25 for Behavior Analysis of the American Psychological Association (APA), and KU's chapter of Sigma Xi. He is currently president of the Kansas Association for Behavior Analysis, president of the ABAI Special Interest Group for the History of Behavior Analysis, and a member of the Executive Committee of Cheiron, the International Society for the History of the Behavioral Sciences. He is a Fellow in ABAI, APA Divisions 25 and Division 26 (Society for the History of Psychology), and the Association for Psychological Science. His current research and scholarship is on the historical and conceptual foundations of behavior analysis and complementarities of its foundations with the behavioral, psychological, and social sciences. His professional interests include the teaching and dissemination of behavior analysis.



On Friday, Dr. Morris will present: "The Varied Legacies of John B. Watson's Behaviorist Manifesto for Applied Behavior Analysis."

Get BCBA CEUs

FREE!

HLABA Offers BCBA CEUs

As part of your registration to the conference!

Members may earn up to 12-15 CEUs from the Annual Conference



Call for Papers

The annual conference includes posters, paper addresses, symposia, panel discussions, and exhibits! The deadline for submission is February 7th, 2014 by midnight.

Send submissions, questions, or CE application materials to the Conference Coordinator at heartlandaba@gmail.com

Please list "HLABA submission" as the subject of the email. Call (402) 559-5939 if you have email problems or questions that would not be easily resolved by email. Refer to the Call for Papers announcement at the end of the newsletter, the website (www.hlaba.org), or our Facebook page for details regarding the submission process!

Poster Presentation & Competition

Join us on Thursday, March 6th, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the DoubleTree Hotel for great opportunities to network and learn about innovative research during HLABA's annual poster session! Check out posters representing current research in the heartland and get to know some of the HLABA presenters and other professionals in the field of ABA. HLABA-appointed judges will score posters on the research idea and contribution to the field of Behavior Analysis. The winner of the competition will receive a \$200 cash prize to be used toward fees for attending the Association for Behavior Analysis International Annual Conference. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.



NOMINATIONS

Nominations for HLABA Executive Board 2014



HLABA 2013 EXECUTIVE BOARD

We are seeking nominations for two positions on the HLABA Executive Board. Send your nominations to heartlandaba@gmail.com. The following positions require nominations:

Vice President:

The Vice President shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee, perform all presidential duties in the absence of the President, oversee the development and functioning of all HLABA committees, and coordinate any chapter newsletters or publications. The Vice President is also the President-Elect and serves as President when the President's term expires or if the President vacates the position before the end of the term. The Vice President must be a Full Member of HLABA and the term of office is one year.

Representative-at-Large:

The Representatives-at-Large shall serve as members of the Executive Committee, oversee HLABA's membership activities, coordinate the distribution of newsletters, publications, and workshop or conference announcements, maintain the HLABA website, and represent the interests of general HLABA membership. The Representative-at-Large may be a Full or Affiliate Member and the term of office is two years.

Nominations for the HLABA Award of Excellence

Nominees should be individuals who have been crucial to the development and ongoing success of ABA in the Heartland area. We will honor the recipient at this year's annual conference. Please send your nominations to heartlandaba@gmail.com along with a brief statement regarding why you would like to nominate the individual for HLABA's Award of Excellence. Please email any questions you have regarding this award or the nomination process.



Past recipients include:

Dr. Wayne Fisher

Dr. Steve Taylor

Bobbi Hightree

Leah Clark

Dr. Connie Taylor

Terri Newton

2014 HLABA Registration and Membership Form

Phone: 402-559-6341

Fax: 402-403-5857



Conference dates are March 6th & 7th, 2014

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel located at 1616 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska

Conference Registration includes membership in HLABA through March 2015 and any BCBA CEU fees.

Personal Information (Please Print):

Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Affiliation: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State/Zip Code: _____
Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____
Fax Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____
BCBA or BCABA Number: _____

Position Title (Please check the box that most closely describes your job title):

<input type="checkbox"/> 01 Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/> 07 School Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/> 02 Consultant/Trainer	<input type="checkbox"/> 08 Student
<input type="checkbox"/> 03 Psychologist	<input type="checkbox"/> 09 Professor/Academic
<input type="checkbox"/> 04 Therapist	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Researcher
<input type="checkbox"/> 05 Behavior Analyst	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 Speech/Language
<input type="checkbox"/> 06 Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 Guardian
<input type="checkbox"/> 13 Other: _____	

Membership Categories and CEUs:

<input type="checkbox"/> 01 Full Member	Please mark if you are obtaining BACB CEUs: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<input type="checkbox"/> 02 Affiliate Member	
<input type="checkbox"/> 03 Student Member	

Requirements for Membership Categories:

Full Member- must hold at least a masters degree in experimental or applied behavior analysis (ABA), be a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, have made contributions to the field of applied behavior analysis (e.g., professional publications), or hold a full time professional position that includes teaching, research and/or practice in ABA.

Affiliate Member- Anyone who has an interest in Applied Behavior Analysis but does not meet the requirements of a Full Member.

Student Member- Anyone who has an interest in Applied Behavior Analysis and is a student on at least a half-time basis. Student applications must be accompanied by an endorsement from a Full Member certifying the applicant's student status or by other documentation certifying such.

Degree Information:

Most Recent
Degree: _____
Year Received: _____
Conferring Institution: _____

Verification of Student Status:

I, _____
certify that _____
is a full-time student at _____

Faculty/Full Member/Affiliate Member Sign & Date

Conference Registration Information:

Pre-conference Workshops (March 6th):

Dr. Dorothea Lerman: \$110
Disseminating ABA into Public Schools: An Intensive Teacher
Training Approach

Dr. Wayne Fisher: \$110
Enhancing the Effectiveness and Generality of Functional
Analysis and Functional Communication Training

Conference Registration/Membership (March 7th):

(Includes lunch and snacks at the conference and CEUs):

Full Members	\$95
Affiliate Members	\$65
Student Members	\$45

Payment:

_____ Pre-conference Workshop (Dr. Lerman)
_____ Pre-conference Workshop (Dr. Fisher)
_____ Conference Registration/Membership Fee
_____ Tax-deductible Donation
_____ **Total**

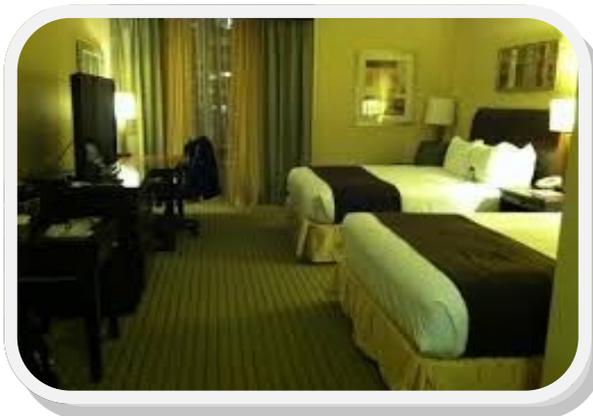
Please make checks payable to HLABA

Mail completed form and payment to:

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P.O. Box 31631
Omaha, NE 68131-0631

HLABA Upcoming Events

Event	Date and Time	Information
8th Annual Autism Conference Louisville, KY	February 28, March 1-2	
8th Annual HLABA Conference	March 6th and 7th	
HLABA Speaker Series James Meindl, Ph.D., BCBA-D University of Memphis	May 12th	TBA
Association for Behavior Analysis International 40th Annual Convention Chicago, IL	May 23-27	
Stay tuned for future speaker series events!	<i>We will hold future monthly Speaker Events at the Munroe-Meyer Institute</i>	<i>Attendees may earn 1.0 BCBA Credit for each event. Check the HLABA website and stay tuned for future emails for more details and the new schedule!</i>



Reserve your room at the DoubleTree Hotel Today!

Group Name: Heartland Association for Behavior Analysis (HLABA)

Group Code: HAB

Group Discount Rates Available for: Mar 5-Mar 7

Hotel Address: 1616 Dodge St. Omaha, NE 68102

Hotel Phone: 402-346-7600

Group Web Page: TBA

Call or email with questions!

(402) 559-5939 or Kathryn.peterson@unmc.edu



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All submissions due by Friday, February 7th, 2014, by midnight

Presentation Formats

Posters consist of visual displays of information describing and reporting the results of empirical research. The poster session will be held on March 6th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Double Tree Hotel. We will provide easels to display posters. **Students submitting a poster will be included in a Poster Contest!** The HLABA Board members and invited judges will score the posters on their research idea and contribution to the field of Behavior Analysis. The winner will receive \$200 to encourage attendance at ABAI!

Paper Addresses are individual oral presentations describing ABA-related conceptual, historical, or methodological issues or empirical research. Paper addresses should be no more than 20 minutes in length and may be combined with other Papers in longer sessions. The program committee reserves the right to group individual Paper Addresses with other Paper Addresses or to assign a Paper Address submission to a Poster based on scheduling constraints.

Symposia are a series of 15 to 20-minute presentations organized around an ABA-related theme or issue. A chairperson will organize the presentations and moderate the session, assuring timeframes are maintained and that the session ends on time. A discussant will deliver remarks at the end, which are intended to highlight and integrate the contributions of the various speakers. Symposia are 75 minutes in length. HLABA is not responsible for designating or notifying a chairperson or discussant.

Panel Discussions consist of several speakers' responses to a question or issue with time allotted for audience participation. A panel discussion is organized and led by a chairperson who is responsible for the flow of the session. Panel discussions are 75 minutes in length. HLABA is not responsible for designating or notifying a chairperson.

Exhibits are an opportunity for ABA-related training programs, commercial vendors, agencies, and businesses to display information about their program or promote products for sale. Display space includes one 3' x 8' skirted table. The fee for an exhibit is \$75 or \$25 for HLABA members renewing membership from the previous year. We will display exhibits in the lunch area, so that attendees may visit the exhibits before and after lunch.

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Call for Papers

Submission Instructions:

All proposals should be typed in MSWord and submitted as an email attachment to the Conference Coordinator (on the next page). Contact the Conference Coordinator if other arrangements are necessary. We will not accept incomplete submissions. Please follow submission outline instructions for each submitted presentation. Although there is no limit on the number of presentations in which an author may participate, the overall number of submissions may be limited depending on scheduling constraints.

Submission Outline:

Please Specify One Type of Presentation: Poster, Paper address, Symposium, Panel Discussion, Display, Exhibit

Title: Symposia will include a session title and individual titles for each presentation.

Chairperson: Include the name and (one) affiliation for all symposia and panel discussions.

Discussant: Include the name and (one) affiliation for symposia only.

Contact Information: Include name, email address, and phone number for the presenting author. All correspondence will be sent to this email address.

Abstract/Display/Exhibit Description:

- 1) **Abstracts** are required for posters, paper addresses, symposia, and panel discussions. Abstracts are required for each presenter in a symposium. The abstract must follow APA style and be no more than 200 words. Keep in mind, the content of your abstract will govern the attendance of your session and interest in your poster.
- 2) **Display/Exhibit Descriptions** are required for displays. Descriptions should include information about the display, which will be published in the program. The description should be no more than 200 words.

Author Information: For posters, paper addresses, symposia, and panel discussions, include the presenting author's name and (one) affiliation. The presenting author should be listed in ALL UPPERCASE LETTERS. If not designated, we will assign the first author as the presenting author. The presenting author must be present at the event and registered to attend the conference.

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Schedule Preference will be honored when possible.

Conference Submissions: We will send the contact author a confirmation of acceptance by February 11th, 2014. If accepted, the confirmation will include the date and time of the presentation. The contact author is responsible for contacting all other presenters to inform them of the presentation's acceptance and the date and time of the presentation.

Equipment

HLABA will provide a screen. The size of the screen will depend on the room size. We will also provide a microphone for larger rooms. HLABA will provide a projector and a PC computer. Presenters are responsible for all other equipment unless other arrangements are made with HLABA in advance.

Continuing Education by BACB

To have your paper address, symposium, or panel discussion considered for BACB CEUs, include a curriculum vita (CV) and a brief description of the objectives for your presentation with your submission (include a copy of the CV and the objectives for each individual presentation for symposia). Objectives should be written in behavioral terms that specify what the participants will do during the event or should be able to do after completing the event, rather than what the participants will "know" or what the instructor (s) will do. See the BACB website (www.bacb.com) for further information on BACB requirements. The CV and objectives will be reviewed by the HLABA CE Coordinator to assure it meets BACB requirements. We will send acceptance emails when the event is officially approved. One BACB CE may be granted for each 50 minutes of approved instruction or presentation (or 0.5 CE for 25 minutes).

Send submissions, questions, or CE application materials to the Conference Coordinator at heartlandaba@gmail.com

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Visit our new website (www.hlaba.org) for this and other important information about the upcoming conference! We'll see you at the conference!

